



SHARING OUR EXPERTISE

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OUR CELEBRATION OF WRITING
IS SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH!

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MAY NEWSLETTER

WNY Young Writers' *studio*

Sharing Our Expertise

A Note from Mrs. Stockman

At Studio, we not only *believe* that all fellows have valuable expertise to share—we feel it is their responsibility to do so. This can be an uncomfortable notion to wrestle with, especially for those who have been led to believe that they have little to contribute or those who may assume that they are too young to make a difference in this way.

This year, we've explored five different Dispositions of Practice: understanding, perseverance, courage, cooperation, and reflection. This Saturday, June 5th, we will end our second season of Studio by sharing our expertise as writers with those who are eager to learn from us.

Our Celebration of Writing will be hosted by Pinnacle Charter School and by some of our fine teachers. It will be facilitated by the young writers

who are a part of our program, though. They have much to teach us.

When I founded Studio in 2008, I did so because I was eager to begin creating a real shift in our antiquated notions of what it means to be a writer, a learner, and a teacher. I wanted to create a safe place where others could begin taking risks as they did the same. I know that we are accomplishing this. In fact, I'm fairly certain that nothing I will ever do as a professional could ever hold a candle to what happens at Studio or as a result of Studio. I'm honored and humbled to work with and learn from every single one of the fellows there. What happens at Studio often feels like magic to me, but I know that it isn't. I know that in fact, it's all very simple.

At Studio, we work hard to support one another and to push one another when we need to. We're all just discovering what it means to teach and write and learn well, and along the way, we're sharing what we've come to know with one another. We show up as often as we can—to our sessions and to our desks at home, where our writing waits for us. We don't hurry. We try to pay attention. We try to notice what others might easily overlook—in our writing and in ourselves too. I hope that everyone will join us on Saturday at Pinnacle Charter School from 9:30-12:00pm. We have so much to celebrate!



Register

for the 2010-2011 Season

Registration for a new season of Studio opened in April, and we were pleased to announce several new locations:

The Kenan Center in Lockport

Grand Island Middle School

Mary Queen of Angels Regional Catholic School in Cheektowaga

Online registration is available on our website: wnyyws.org or by completing the fliers that are attached. Those who need financial assistance may simply note this on the form.

Our Anthology Has Been Published!

Those who contributed will receive their copies at our Celebration of Writing on Saturday, June 5th! Anyone else who is interested in purchasing a copy may do so at cost right here: <http://tinyurl.com/2gxjywz>

Preparing a Draft for Our Writing Celebration!

The WNY Young Writers' Studio
Celebration of Writing

Saturday, June 5th
9:30am-12:00pm

Pinnacle Charter School
115 Ash Street Buffalo, NY 14204-1452



**More information,
including registration, can
be found online:**

<http://www.wnyyws.org/upcoming-events/>

This is a free event, and it is open to
family, friends, teachers, and community
members!

Preparing for the Writing Celebration: A Checklist

____ **Let Mrs. Stockman know I am coming!**

____ Tell Mrs. Stockman about the resource, idea, or strategy I would like to present on.

____ Plan a 15 minute conversation that:

____ Defines my resource, idea, or strategy

____ Describes why it is interesting to me

____ Demonstrates how I use it as a writer

____ Suggests how others could use it

____ Includes specific examples, models, or time for others to "try" it themselves

____ Leaves room for people to ask questions

____ Practice my conversation with my parents, friends, or siblings

____ Bring a piece of my writing to read out loud, if this is something I would like to do.

____ Invite any family members or friends who would like to come

____ Get driving directions to Pinnacle Charter School right here: <http://tinyurl.com/29csoa3>

____ Plan to arrive by 9:30am and park in the circle at the front of the building or in the lots on Ash or Spruce Streets.

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Congratulations to Our 2010-2011 Interns!

We are pleased to welcome the return of Sarah Hanson and Alyssa Frey as interns in the WNY Young Writers' Studio for the 2010-2011 season. They are joined by newcomers to our internship program: Katie Beth Halloran from Williamsville, Nate Harris from Lockport, Jenna Kersten from Mount Mercy Academy, and Monica Wrobel from Immaculata Academy.

Our internship program provides training and field experience to veteran fellows of our program who are interested in becoming teachers of writing. Interns explore and practice effective instructional strategies as they work within our elementary program. These fellows are also provided the opportunity to participate in their own sessions tuition-free.

Each spring, all high school fellows in our program are invited to apply for these positions. If you are a middle school student who will be entering high school next year, consider applying for an internship during our upcoming season!

A New Friend of Studio



We are very excited to have Dr. Pauline Skowron Schmidt joining us as a residency facilitator and researcher beginning this summer! She is an experienced teacher of English Language Arts who has extensive expertise in writing and writing instruction. Pauline received her doctorate in English Education from the University of Buffalo and will be leading school-based residency programs as well as Studio sessions for adults during the upcoming year. We're very lucky to have her with us. Welcome, Pauline!